



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Gabriele LUALDI et al.

Serial No.: 10/627,686

Examiner: Brian Pellegrino

Filed: July 28, 2003

Art Unit: 3738

For: FEMORAL PROSTHESIS FOR HIP ARTICULATION

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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In response to the final Office action of January 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

Applicant(s): Gabriele LUALDI et al.

Docket No.

APV31644

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Invention: FEMORAL PROSTHESIS FOR HINGE ARTICULATION

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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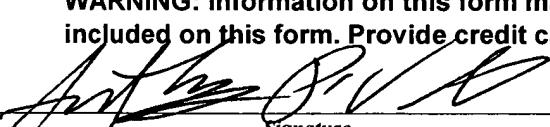
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